



City of Bonner Springs CEMETERY

The Cemetery Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bonner Springs Cemetery.

Members Present: Elaine Berg (Chair), Jim Jenkins, Sara May, Judy Anderson and Robin Harris

Staff Present: Chris Brake, City Clerk and Jeff Harris Cemetery Sexton

1. **Minutes and Agendas** – For future meetings, Elaine will send out the agenda. If you have items you wish to have put on the agenda, please send them to Elaine. Robin will take the minutes going forward.
2. **Columbarium**– Reviewed the presentation on columbariums for those who were unable to attend the last meeting. The committee is going to ask Brad Harrington for an average cost of burial to start creating a proposal for City Council Consideration for the 2024 budget. Staff plans to have the proposal ready for May of 2023. The committee needs to consider what regulations need to be in place regarding columbarium use (ex. decorations, who can open/close, etc.). Once the rendering is received from Wilbert Memorials, the committee would like to post a community survey to find out the level of interest in columbarium interments.
3. **Cemetery Improvements** –
The committee discussed pacing plaques for the pavilion, fence and arch entry recognizing the dedication dates and donors.
The committee discussed placing artwork in the Potters' Field section of the cemetery.
The committee discussed having the Potters' Field area scanned for accurate grave placement.
The committee discussed placing more benches around the Soldiers' Circle drive for visitors' use.
Replacement solar lights have been ordered for the rose trellis by the pond.
The Committee discussed having members contacted by phone via text if meeting time or location changes. Not all members have access to email. Some members would like to be sent agendas and minutes via text as well.
4. **Next Meeting Date:** The next Committee meeting is Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cemetery.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.